

## Libya pulls back troops from Tibesti

NDJAMENA (R) — Libya has pulled its troops back from Chad's northwestern Tibesti mountains, apparently to shore up its defences in a disputed desert strip close to their common border, diplomatic sources said Wednesday. They said Libyan soldiers had withdrawn from around the key oasis of Zouar and moved some 100 kilometres north across treacherous mountain passes towards the Aouzou strip, a swath of territory along the Chad-Libyan border which Tripoli claims as its own. The 110,000 square kilometre stretch of desert north of the Tibesti mountains is the site of Libya's only remaining airstrip in Chad capable of handling heavy bombers and fighter planes. The area is expected to be the next objective in the Chad government's current offensive. President Hissene Habre rejects Libyan claims to the remote region and has pledged to oust all Libyan troops from it. (The Libyan news agency JANA denied again on Wednesday in a report monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation that Libya had any forces fighting in Chad). Habre, Goukouni to meet, page 2

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## Jordan, Egypt exchange documents

CAIRO (Petra) — Jordan and Egypt on Wednesday exchanged documents ratifying a bilateral agreement on promoting tourism in both countries. The documents give official endorsement to the agreement which was initially by the two countries in Amman in December 1986. Under the agreement, both countries will hold meetings for officials in charge of tourism to work out a general strategy on promoting tourist operations and joint tours and also to cooperate in promoting marketing tourist attractions. The agreement gives special emphasis on the role of national airlines in promoting tourism and calls for issuing joint tourist pamphlets and posters to back the tourism industry in Egypt and Jordan. They agreed to establish an investment company to operate in tourism by setting up tourist villages, spas and resorts specially in Sinai and Aqaba. The documents were exchanged at a ceremony here by Jordan's Ambassador to Egypt Hussein Hammami and Egyptian Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Fuad Sultan. Mr. Hammami made a speech at the ceremony in which he said the agreement was one more step towards bolstering Jordanian-Egyptian relations.



## 9 Palestinians die of hunger and lack of medicine in Shatila

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Nine Palestinian refugees, including four children, died Wednesday of hunger or the results of lack of medicine in Beirut's besieged Shatila camp, a Palestinian statement said.

The Palestine National Salvation Front (PNSF), an alliance of six Damascus-based groups, said "four children died of hunger today and five wounded Palestinians died due to the lack of medicine."

The statement said Shatila's 5,000 refugees appealed to "all the world and to international humanitarian organisations to support our people in demanding an end to the siege of refugee camps."

Militiamen of Justice Minister Nabil Berri's mainstream Shi'ite Amal movement have been blockading refugee camps in Beirut and South Lebanon for more than four months.

A Canadian doctor trapped in Beirut's smaller Mar Elias camp, which is not under siege, staged a demonstration Wednesday demanding an end to the "camps war."

The PNSF statement said Amal and the Lebanese army's predominantly Shi'ite Sixth Brigade "destroyed 95 per cent of Shatila's shacks on the heads of their tenants."

"We expect more children, women and elderly men to die of hunger," said the PNSF statement.

One Palestinian woman was killed and three others were wounded Wednesday when Amal fighters said they had suffered no casualties.

Amal also said it had suffered no casualties in the battles.

## OIC bid for peace in Gulf seen to founder

KUWAIT (Agencies) — An Islamic diplomatic initiative launched last month to try to end the 6½-year-old Iran-Iraq war appears to have founded, diplomats said.

The effort was announced on March 3 by Sharifuddin Fizrazeed, secretary-general of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) which held a summit meeting in Kuwait last January.

He said the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, as current OIC chairman, would communicate with Iran and Iraq "so contacts can be made to create an end to the conflict."

Diplomats quoted by Reuters said there had been nothing to suggest any progress. Instead, it seemed that Iran, which rebuffed all past mediation bids and had vowed to fight on until the Iraqi

They are charged with a series of bombings in Kuwait between last July and January.

## Thatcher concludes Soviet visit with trip to Georgia

TBILISI (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, ending a five-day visit to the Soviet Union, flew to Georgia on Wednesday for sightseeing and talks with local leaders.

She was greeted on her arrival in the capital, Tbilisi, by Georgian Prime Minister Otar Cherkelia. A group of young people in colourful local costume presented her with roses and crowds lined her route from the airport to the city centre.

During her eight-hour stay in Tbilisi, Mrs. Thatcher was to attend a meeting of the Georgian government, visit the republic's arts museum, and go on a sightseeing tour.

She had expressed a desire to visit one of the Soviet Union's 15 republics after her talks in Moscow and British sources said she was delighted with the choice.

Georgia, in the shadow of the towering Caucasus mountains which divide Europe from Asia, is bounded in the west by the Black Sea and in the east by Soviet Azerbaijan, and to the south-west it borders on Turkey.

An ancient land whose civilization dates back 5,000 years, its location made it a crossroads for trade, and its fiercely proud mountain people have retained their unique identity.

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## April fools advice

A piece of advice for all those who read yesterday's Jordan Times and consequently planned a picnic aboard a gondola in Amman with fish delicacies from the Dead Sea. We don't know yet of any solid plans to build a Venice-style canal in the Abduan area or any other part of Jordan for that matter. By the same token, we are also sorry to disappoint those who believed fish could finally be bred in the Dead Sea. Both stories were jokes that we thought our readers would enjoy reading on April 1. Our thanks go to Italian Ambassador Luigi Amatuzzi for his good humour and willingness to play the game with us.

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## Rightist leaders challenge Beirut airport reopening

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Hardline Lebanese rightist leaders on Wednesday challenged an announcement that Beirut's international airport, shut since Feb. 1, will reopen soon.

"There will either be airports for all Lebanon or no airports for anyone," Samir Geagea, chief of the mostly Christian right-wing "Lebanese Forces," militia told reporters.

Earlier on Wednesday, Mrs. Thatcher met in Moscow with Soviet activist Josef Begun, who said the British prime minister had raised the problem of Soviet Jews with Kremlin officials.

Mr. Begun, pardoned Feb. 20 from a seven-year prison term for anti-Soviet activities, and his wife, Irina, met with Mrs. Thatcher for breakfast at the British embassy.

After breakfast, Mrs. Thatcher was taken to the Grand Kremlin Palace for a farewell ceremony.

She chatted a few minutes with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa, as Western reporters were kept at a distance.

The official TASS news agency said Mr. Gorbachev concurred when Mrs. Thatcher told the Soviet leader that she had made a big step towards developing a dialogue.

## CROWN PRINCE VISITS ARMY EX-CHANGE

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Wednesday visits an automatic telephone switchboard centre for military camps in Zarqa.

The Crown Prince is briefed on the new automatic telephone switchboard and the services it provides.

Prince Hassan later toured various sections of the unit and inspected the progress of work. The

Crown Prince then visited the headquarters of the central wireless unit and was briefed on its tasks and duties. He also toured the main workshop, stores, the computer section and the Sharif Nasser Iba Jameel military telecommunications college. Prince Hassan also visited an exhibition of wireless equipment and was briefed on the equipment on display (Petra photo).

## Jordan enjoyed generous rains this winter

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Nature has been more generous with Jordan during this winter in terms of rains compared with the annual average, but the change was accompanied by a substantial decline in temperatures, according to a statement released by the Meteorology Department on Wednesday.

The statement said rains in March, compared to the same month last year, were much greater, and that the average temperature dropped by four degrees Centigrade last month.

The statement said evaporation levels also dropped in March with 19 rainy days in the northern part of the country and 14 days in the central and southern areas with an average increase of 10 days

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## Diplomats sceptical over report of Soviet-Israeli visits

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Foreign diplomats in Moscow expressed scepticism on Wednesday over a report from Tel Aviv that the Soviet Union had agreed with Israel to exchange visiting delegations.

The diplomats, who closely monitor Soviet policy in the Middle East, said they believed it was very unlikely that Moscow would accept an official Israeli visit in the near future.

There was no immediate comment from Soviet officials on the report, carried by Israel Radio in an interview with Israel's Ambassador to Washington Meir Rosemeyer.

"There could eventually be visits in both directions, but certainly not immediately. And they would be unlikely to be synchronised," one diplomat with specialist knowledge of Soviet-Israeli relations said.

Although Moscow-based analysts agree there has been a definite move in Kremlin thinking towards reestablishing some links with Tel Aviv, they say major barriers remain.

In previous discussions, the analysts say, Israel has insisted that the Kremlin agree to accept an Israeli delegation in return for a consular delegation the Soviet Union wants to send to Israel.

Moscow argues that while it has legitimate consular business in Israel, where many Soviet citizens live and there is considerable property belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church, Israel has no similar interests in the Soviet Union.

"I do not believe the Soviet side would want to give in any way the impression that they are agreeing to the Israeli demand for reciprocity," the specialist diplomat said.

A meeting in Helsinki between Soviet and official representa-

## Israelis impose curfew on camps and jail 5 Druze

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli authorities imposed curfews on two Palestinian refugee camps in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday after anti-Israeli demonstrators stoned vehicles and slightly injured two people, the army said.

A 22-hour curfew was imposed on Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem after residents threw stones, damaging an Israeli bus and a mini-bus and causing the two injuries Tuesday night.

The Balata refugee camp near Nablus was put under a four-hour curfew for the second successive day after protesters burned tyres and stoned an army patrol.

On Tuesday, two Palestinians were shot and wounded by Israeli soldiers during protests in Balata.

The violence was a continuation of Monday's demonstrations marking Land Day, the eleventh anniversary of the deaths of six Arabs shot by Israeli soldiers on March 30, 1976 while protesting Israel's land expropriation policy.

In another development, an Israeli military court sentenced three Druze from the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights to 15 years imprisonment on Wednesday in case stemming from alleged guerrilla activity in the

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## Fate of Reagan's veto hangs in Senate balance

WASHINGTON (R) — The Senate sustained on Wednesday President Reagan's veto of an \$88 million highway bill in what would be a major victory for Mr. Reagan, but the issue remained in doubt when Democrats sought a second vote.

Pending the outcome of the parliamentary manoeuvring, the Senate move put Mr. Reagan on the verge of a political triumph he had sought to show he is rebounding strongly from the debacle of the Iran arms scandal.

The House of Representatives had voted to override his veto on Tuesday, 350 to 73, but a presidential veto can only be overridden by a two-thirds majority in both chambers.

The first Senate vote on

## France gets little U.S. help on aid for Third World

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Pleas from French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac for urgent aid to the world's poorest countries have elicited only a lukewarm response from Washington, French officials say.

Mr. Chirac was used his three-day visit to the United States to plead for a better financial deal for the debt-ridden Third World. He has warned of civil strife and an anti-Western backlash unless the rich countries curb what he calls their selfishness.

"If our countries fail to recognise their duties, they risk provoking upheavals in the Third World ... and leaving the field clear for extremist movements," he said at a State Department lunch.

Mr. Chirac sounded out President Ronald Reagan and Treasury Secretary James Baker on a plan to funnel the profits from grain sales in rich countries to the

Wednesday ended with 65 members voting for the bill and 35 voting against.

Senate Democratic majority leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia immediately called for a second vote and it was not immediately clear how long it would take to resolve the parliamentary wrangling that ensued.

Asked about the vote as he left the White House for a speaking trip to Philadelphia, Mr. Reagan said, "I was very pleased, but it isn't final."

The 65-35 margin of the first Senate ballot was actually only nine votes short of the 37 needed to overturn Mr. Reagan's veto, because, in a parliamentary tactic, Mr. Byrd switched his vote at the last minute.

starving in Africa, officials said Tuesday night.

The idea was presented recently by French Agriculture Minister Francois Guillaume to Pope John Paul, who gave it his blessing.

U.S. officials said Mr. Reagan did not have time to respond to the proposal, but they said the administration opposed the use of quotas, price fixing and production levels in the grain market.

On arms control, Mr. Reagan told Mr. Chirac on Tuesday the United States would insist in talks with Moscow on the right to install a force of shorter-range missiles in Europe equal to the Soviet Union's.

A senior U.S. official, briefing reporters on the two leaders' private talks, said Mr. Chirac responded to Mr. Reagan's assurances by saying, "We have confidence in you."



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Tax department collects JD 3.8m

AMMAN (Petra) — The Income Tax Department has collected JD 3.8 million during the past month from various individuals and organisations, according to the department's director Salman Al Tarawneh. He said that his department collected JD 20 million in the first three months of this year, nearly 36 per cent of the total expected collection for this year. Tax payers, he said, normally benefit from discounts offered by the Income Tax Department if they pay their dues in the first three months of the year. He said that April 30 is the deadline for various organisations, companies and individuals to submit a statement about their income over the past year.

## Week's road fatalities drop by 50%

AMMAN (Petra) — Five people died and 134 others were injured in Jordan as a result of road accidents that occurred in the past week, according to a statement issued by the Public Security Department (PSD) on Wednesday. The statement said that altogether there were 261 road accidents, registering a drop of 8.1 per cent over figures for the previous week and a 50 per cent reduction in the number of fatalities.

## Dakhqan, leased TriStar arrive in Sudan

KHARTOUM (Petra) — Minister of Transport Ahmad Dakhqan has arrived in Khartoum and announced that Jordan is willing to extend further aid to Sudan in all fields. The minister who left Amman on board a Royal Jordanian airliner that has been leased to Sudan was accorded an official welcome by Sudanese officials who paid tribute to Jordan's aid to Sudan. Mr. Dakhqan, who will hold talks on promoting Jordanian-Sudanese relations, was also due to hand over the Lockheed TriStar leased to Sudan Airways from Royal Jordanian in order to bolster Sudanese air transport operations. Royal Jordanian is providing crews of pilots, stewards, stewardesses and technicians to operate the plane throughout the lease mandate, which is five years.

## Omani trade minister due April 11

MUSCAT (Petra) — Omani Minister of Industry and Trade Salem Abdullah Al Ghazali will pay an official visit to Jordan on April 11 at the invitation of his Jordanian counterpart Rajai Muasher. The Omani minister will be accompanied by a delegation of economists and other officials from the Omani Ministry of Trade and Industry. Omani sources here said that Mr. Ghazali will hold talks on the implementation of an Omani-Jordanian trade and economic agreement signed by the two countries last year. Among other things, this agreement provides for an exchange of visits by officials from both countries. The Omani minister's visit to Jordan is expected to last three days.

## Committee discusses civil status law

AMMAN (Petra) — A special Arab committee entrusted with studying a unified Arab civil status law opened its meetings here Wednesday with the participation of delegates from 12 Arab countries. During its several days of meeting, the committee will discuss the final version of the law for submission to the 5th conference of Arab justice ministers, which will open here on April 11 under royal patronage. The committee has been formed by the Arab Justice Ministers Council.

## Team to oversee study on poverty

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Labour and Social Development and chairman of the board of the National Aid Fund Khaled Al Haj Hassan has formed an advisory committee which will be charged with supervising the work of a technical committee studying poverty in Jordan. The technical committee will conduct a study on poverty pockets in the country and will suggest necessary policies and programmes within a year. The advisory committee will offer advice and consultancy services to the technical committee and will supervise its work. This follows Cabinet approval to allocate JD 70,000 to cover the costs of the study.

## Mayor leaves for Damascus today

AMMAN (Petra) — Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh leaves for Damascus on Thursday at the head of a Jordanian delegation to take part in the meetings of the 26th session of the Arab Cities Organisation, which will open on April 4. The four-day meetings will discuss means of bolstering existing relations between Arab cities as well as plans and programmes for improving public services in Arab cities. The organization's achievements over the past year will also be discussed during the meetings.



**THE ART OF FLOWERS:** At "The Gallery" in the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel this week is a delightful exhibition of Rita Ghul's pictures made of dried flowers. Using both wild and garden flowers, which she dries and presses herself, Mrs. Ghul arranges the different petals and leaves into both classical and abstract compositions. With skill and patience, Mrs. Ghul has enhanced the flowing lines of her designs with the subtle shape and shades of the flowers. Hung in attractive groups or sets, the display is completed with vases of fresh spring flowers and books related to various floral and garden topics. The exhibition runs until April 9th.

## Charity marchers begin long walk from north to south of Jordan

By Najwa Najjar  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

RAMTHA — Amidst bustle and a flurry of excitement at Ramtha, the shot of a gun signalled the start of the first charity march across the Kingdom.

A red truck with a flashing light and the flag of march led the way, followed closely by a handicapped boy from Ramtha Club enthusiastically wheeling his chair. He was one of the 30 members of the Ramtha Club who signed up to accompany Vicki Dakessian, Ali Pharoan, and Halim Abu Rahme on the first part of their 42 kilometre walk to Aqaba.

Police closed off one lane of the main road in Ramtha as onlookers of all ages lined the street and children ran and jumped around the participants. Schoolchildren missed parts of their lessons as they gathered around the windows to catch a glimpse of the caravan of people, cars, buses and vans. No one wanted to be left out, even a little boy tried to walk as fast as his crutches would allow him.

Najat who works at Ramtha National Hospital told the Jordan Times that the locals had been waiting in anticipation for this event for the past three days. The hospital where the walk was to start had been decorated with red, black, white, and green flags, posters, and a bedouin tent (*beit sh'a'*).

The grounds were crowded with boy scouts, boys from the cultural club of Ramtha dressed in dahka outfits, a school band, doctors, nurses, and many other locals by the time the principal walkers and organisers arrived.

The head of the municipality of Ramtha and Vicki delivered short speeches before Akram Al Naser, the governor of Irbid, who was deputising for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan started the walk at 10:20 a.m.

A few minutes after the walk began, Vicki said with a smile: "This is it, there is no way out. I just hope the spirit stays high throughout the trip." After three kilometres they were greeted by the first group of participants from the University of Science and Technology. After another three kilometres the remainder of the 36 who signed up from the university and four members of the youth centre in Irbid were dancing dabke as they waited.

The walkers will be accompanied by inhabitants of each village, town or city they pass through. However, none of the participants are sponsored except in the Amman stage because, according to a member of the Society for the Care of Neurological Patients, "it is too difficult to organise sponsorship forms in the Ramtha/Amman stage and the Amman/Aqaba stage since those who are sponsored must come to Amman to get receipts." Therefore, they will only pay the JD 3 participation fee and receive a T-shirt with the logo of the society for care of neurological patients.

## Donations

It may be surprising to some to see the principal walkers not wearing the logo of the society for which they are trying to raise JD 50,000. The reason being that donations are made to the society when the walkers wear the logo of the company sponsoring them on that day. On the first day Vicki,



Participants in the first charity march across Jordan get under way from Ramtha on Wednesday (Petra photo)

Ali, Halim and Hasan Al 'Adin were sponsored by the Danish Dairy Company which paid JD 600 to the society. The following day they will be wearing T-shirts from Pizza Hut which has paid JD 300, and when they reach Amman they will have collected an additional JD 600 and will be wearing the National Insurance Company logo.

All the money collected by the sponsors of the main walkers and those taking part in the Amman stage and the fees of participants will go towards a fund to help needy neurological patients.

Not all donations were made in the form of money. The Plaza Hotel and the Housing Bank have contributed all the food and drink, made T-shirts, mugs and posters free of charge. Royal Jordanian has offered six tickets to various destinations to the six who raise the most money and Jordan Television has promised four minutes of nightly coverage.

In return, their logos decorate the trailer towed by the red truck leading the walk.

Other than these four main sponsors, British Airways has offered an additional two air tickets and the society of radio amateurs has made communications easier by offering its wireless equipment for the walk.

The trailer was loaned by a private citizen as was the truck pulling the trailer, and a truck with showers was made available to the walkers by the army. Safa, in addition to providing water, has also made a van ready for their use and Hanco tyres made 1,000 hats free of charge to protect the participants' heads from the heat.

All commented: "I hope we'll be in the same condition, both mentally and physically on the last day of the walk."

On Thursday evening, the walkers will reach Amman to be followed by the Plaza Hotel to the Gateway Hotel stage on Friday. If everything goes as planned, on April 10 all three walkers are expected to arrive in Aqaba at 11:00 a.m.

## Jordanian industries to exhibit products in Tunis

AMMAN (Petra) — The Trade Centres Corporation, Mr. Diab added. He said that the fair will consist of two wings; one for displaying the products and the second for direct sales to visitors.

The corporation has already sent out invitations to the Ministries of Tourism, Energy and Mineral Resources as well as Royal Jordanian airline, the Royal Scientific Society, the Jordan Valley Authority, the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company, the Arab Potash Company, the Jordan Fertilisers Industry Company and the Jordan Cement Factory Company to take part in the fair along with other businesses. Mr. Diab added.

Mr. Diab said that the corporation will start receiving samples as of April 25 which will be inspected by the committee to ensure that it is fair.

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## Mayors, local councils welcome step to ease loan repayments

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan has called a meeting on Saturday by heads of municipal and village councils for a general discussion on the councils' programmes following a set of government measures to improve the conditions of local councils.

The government measures have been enthusiastically welcomed by mayors and heads of municipal and village councils in the Kingdom. Many described the move as aiming at achieving a balance in development in all regions of the country and enabling local councils to carry out essential projects and services in their respective regions.

Mr. Badri Bahauddin, chairman of the Zarqa Municipality committee, said that the new measures are bound to provide local councils with the required help enabling them to honour their commitments and promote their services to the public.

Dr. Abdul Razzaq Tabeishat,

heads of local councils in Balqa praised the government measures and said that the decision for rescheduling the payments of loans due to the Cities and Villages Development Bank would help ease the financial burden on local councils.

Achieving a balance in development in different regions will have a positive result on the overall process of Jordan's development, the heads of councils said.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, interviewed a large number of heads of local councils in different regions and reported their satisfaction with the government measures which they described as instrumental in giving momentum to local government activities.

In an interview with Radio Jordan, Mr. Hamdan said that the government measures have removed a heavy burden from the local councils and will enable them to carry out essential services. The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs will coordinate work with local councils for the implementation of projects and will therefore take a number of measures to help improve the financial conditions of the councils. Dr. Tabeishat said.

## Contractors to review plans, achievements

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Jordan Contractors Association's (JCA) general assembly will hold a meeting Friday to review the institutions' achievements and future plans. Friday's meeting is also the first general gathering since the election of the association's two-year council last year. Today 400 companies are registered at the JCA. According to official figures, the total registered paid up capital of all classified contractors today is JD 100 million.

An amount of JD 353 million in credit facilities was extended to the local construction sector last year, amounting to 26 per cent of the total credit facilities for the year.

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According to the JCA's annual report, the contracting sector last year contributed 9.5 per cent to the gross national product (GNP).

Since the election of the new JCA President Ali Abu Al Ragheb and the association's council, numerous measures have been taken to upgrade the sector's activities and protect local contractors from foreign competition.

Most important was the 1986 JCA law which was endorsed by Parliament two months ago. The legislation provided an institutional framework to control the activities of local and foreign contractors working here and provided penalties for all violations.

Before this law, the JCA's activities were governed by a 1966 Labour Ministry regulation and contractors were registered as members of the Jordan Engineering Association.

## Hindawi calls for closer coordination in education

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Education Thougan Al Hindawi said Wednesday that a recent reassessment of educational policies in Jordan has shown that there had been a lack of cooperation and coordination between different departments of the Ministry of Education.

Mr. Hindawi, who was speaking at a meeting with heads of various departments of the Ministry of Education, said that the educational system in Jordan cannot be shouldered by one department or institution. "Thus, we have to start laying the basis for cooperation and coordination among various departments in order to achieve a higher and a more sophisticated standard of education in the country," he said.

He said that the plan was based on recently completed field research which pointed out that there was a need to strengthen the link and cooperation between the ministry and the various departments and educational institutions in the country.

The minister also called for closing loopholes in the educational system in the country.

Over the last week Mr. Hindawi has made changes in the ministry

## Ajloun hospital reopens under government administration

ALJLOUN (Petra) — The Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, recently purchased by the Health Ministry, was officially re-opened Wednesday by Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh during a ceremony in which he declared that the hospital will offer better medical services to the inhabitants of Ajloun district.

The government bought the hospital for JD 500,000 within its efforts to promote health services in the country. It will be one of five hospitals which the government plans to open in different areas of the Kingdom which lack hospital services, the minister added.

The hospital is fully equipped and has wings for internal and children's diseases and an emergency section. According to Health Ministry officials, the hospital will soon be expanded to include other services. Towards the end of the ceremony the minister distributed medals to veteran staff members.

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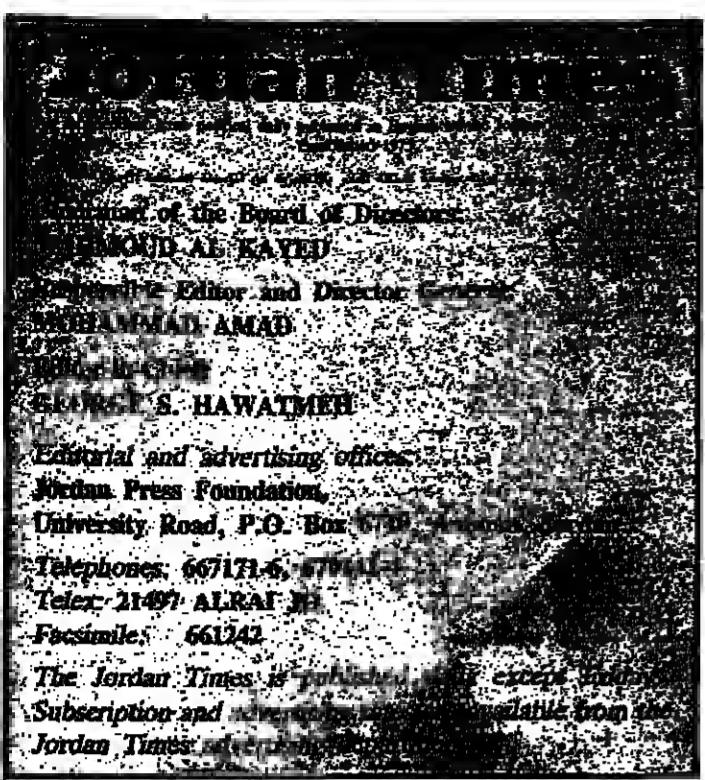


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## Muslim Brotherhood campaigns for Islamic state in Egypt

By Nejla Sammaka  
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Posters and streamers throughout Cairo proclaim: "Islam is the solution, so let's get to work."

The election campaign slogan appears incongruous in Egypt, where basing a political party on religion is illegal. But it sums up the programme of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood has tried to achieve political respectability by moderating its policies and by running for parliament on the ticket of a legal opposition group, the left-of-centre Socialist Labour Party.

The April 6 election for the people's assembly has brought new hope to the Brotherhood, which hopes to win about 40 seats in the 458-member parliament. It held nine under the banner of the rightist New Wafd Party in the parliament that was disbanded in February.

More important to the Muslim faithful, such a result would give impetus to the Brotherhood's

drive to implement Sharia, Islam's 1,300-year-old legal and ethical code.

Sharia already forms the basis of most Egyptian law. However, fundamentalists want it to be the only source of law. They want to modify the 10 per cent of the penal and civil codes the government acknowledges are at variance with Islamic practices.

Sharia also would change the banking system to abolish interest rates and, depending on judicial interpretations, could allow amputating thieves' hands and the stoning of adulterers.

But as long as President Hosni Mubarak's secular National Democratic Party retains its dominance in parliament, the fundamentalists' goal of transforming Egypt into an Islamic state is unlikely to materialise.

The push for Sharia in the previous parliament was sent to committee for further study. Sponsors saw the move as a delaying tactic by the ruling National Democratic Party, which held 390 of the 448 elected seats in the

previous chamber and is widely expected to dominate the next one.

To consolidate their efforts to make Egypt an Islamic state, the Brotherhood, the Socialist Labour Party and the smaller rightist Liberal Party set aside basic ideological differences to forge the "Islamic Alliance."

"We have recorded, for the first time in Egypt's history, an alliance in the name of Islam," Liberal Party head Mustafa Kamel Murad declared at a rally in an affluent Cairo suburb.

"There must be Sharia, or else there will be ruin," Mohammad Maamoun Al Hodeiby, the son of former Brotherhood leader, told the 500 people at the rally.

In addition to the National Democratic Party and the Alliance, the election is being contested by the New Wafd, the pro-Soviet National Unionist Progressive Party and the tiny Umma Party, which also advocates an Islamic state.

Bright blue posters with a white star, symbol of the Socialist

Labour Party, appear at street corners with promises by Brotherhood candidates of a better life in an Islamic state. "Let the flags of Islam rise and the flags of injustice fall," read one.

The Brotherhood was accused in 1954 of masterminding an attempt on the life of President Gamal Abdul Nasser. This triggered a ban on the organisation and a massive crackdown in which thousands of members were jailed and six leaders were tried and hanged.

The ban remains on the books, but since the mid-1970s, when Nasser's successor Anwar Sadat freed most Brotherhood members, the organisation has eschewed violence in its drive for Sharia.

"The Brotherhood does not believe in extremism or violence, nor in the use of force to bring about social change. They are committed to the Islamic method based on calling to the people through preaching Islam," Muslim Brotherhood spokesman Gaber Rizk said at a recent news

conference.

"We have had experience over 50 years ... Great experiences and we now employ reason, not revolt," said Hassan Al Gamal, a prominent Brotherhood member running for parliament.

The new alliance also may serve as a marriage of convenience designed to help the Socialist Labour Party win more than 8 per cent of the national vote, the minimum required for representation in parliament.

The party failed to get the minimum in the 1984 election. But Mubarak, who appoints 10 members of parliament, gave seats to Socialist Labour Party Chairman Ibrahim Shurky and three of his followers.

The Brotherhood fielded 15 candidates on the New Wafd ticket in 1984, and nine won seats. This time, the Brotherhood has 53 candidates and hopes to win 40 seats.

The Brotherhood was founded in 1928 by the puritanical Egyptian Hassan Al Banna, and was first called "The Society Against Sinners." It later joined the national struggle against British occupation, which ended in 1946.

The government accused the Brotherhood of engineering the 1948 assassination of Prime Minister Mahmoud Al Nokrashy, and of embracing violence and terror to achieve its aims. Al Banna was killed in Feb. 1949, and the Brotherhood blamed his slaying on the British-controlled government.

Nasser's crackdown on the group and the reported torture of Brotherhood prisoners spawned some extremist splinter groups, however, and they remain, independent of the parent group.

Rizk, Al Gamal and other Brotherhood members repeatedly have said the Brotherhood is not connected to the smaller groups and that it is against the violent extremism displayed by some of them.

"We could have a role," said Rizk. "If the government would give us a legal existence, we would be able to contain these extremists."

### Where's the fillip?

EFFORTS at shoring up British-Soviet bilateral relations apart, Mrs. Thatcher's visit to Moscow does not seem to have broken new grounds, or to have allayed European security concerns, spawned by the Zero Option, currently under negotiation between the two superpowers. Though the Zero Option was the brainchild of NATO, the Europeans now see a few disadvantages in accepting it. The main concern is that short-range Soviet nuclear weapons, such as the SS-22 and SS-23, outnumber NATO's armoury by the ratio of 9 to 1; the Zero Option thus would put Europe in no small danger. The Europeans also fear that the elimination of intermediate range nuclear missiles would weaken the U.S. commitment to defend Europe. Moreover, it could also lead to a reduction in U.S. servicemen in Europe, now numbering 350,000. Therefore the West Europeans want short-range weapons to be included in any U.S.-Soviet deal to remove intermediate range missiles from Europe.

Mrs. Thatcher, it seems, was at pains to broach this matter with Mr. Gorbachev, who does not appear to have been impressed by her position.

Mr. Gorbachev is aware that both Britain and France have their own independent deterrent forces which will not relinquish for the foreseeable future; he could very well argue that the Soviet advantage in short-range weapons is offset by the independent deterrent forces of Britain and France. However, much haggling will no doubt ensue before the Zero Option proposal can become a treaty.

From the reiteration of her belief in nuclear deterrence, her strong support for President Reagan's "Star Wars" programme, and her view that differences between Britain and the Soviet Union remain over intermediate range weapons, one gets the impression that Mrs. Thatcher has not in fact added any fillip to the process of arms control. This does not necessarily mean that Mrs. Thatcher has put the Zero Option on the backburner. But, at the same time, it is not clear whether or not her talks with Mr. Gorbachev have helped her in vigorously pursuing the Zero Option. It would seem that a successful arms control treaty between the two superpowers embodying the Zero Option proposal will greatly depend on what Mrs. Thatcher has to say in the coming days to U.S. President Reagan and the NATO allies after her just-ended visit to the Soviet Union.

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Al Ra'i: Strengthening local councils

THE government has just announced measures intended to support municipal and village councils in the Kingdom to enable them to carry out their duties towards citizens. These councils which have failed to live up to people's expectations lacked the funds for implementing public and municipal services; and the government's decision which cancelled interest on the loans obtained by these councils is bound to help them resume their duty. The government has in addition requested that all ministries should not request local councils to purchase or build schools, health centres or other installations from their own means but rather to carry out these projects from the ministries' own funds. This too would help make available sufficient funds for the local councils to spend on services. The new government decision will no doubt have far-reaching positive effects on the social and economic life of the towns and villages and ease the burden on municipal and village councils. The decision also reflects the government's keenness on distributing the benefits and the services equally among the various sectors of the population. The decision is bound to help the country implement regional plans designed to strike a balance in the development of all regions of the Kingdom. The government has acted upon directives from King Hussein and recommendations of a special ministerial committee charged with finding means of helping local councils resume their good services to the Jordanian citizens. Had the cabinet not appointed this committee to investigate the conditions of the councils no such decision could have been taken, and no benefits would have reached the people of various towns and rural regions.

#### Al Dustour: Helping local councils

THE cabinet, acting upon directives from King Hussein has decided to extend help to 174 municipal councils and 375 village councils in the Kingdom. The assistance takes the form of cancelling interest on loans these councils may have obtained from the Cities and Villages Development Bank or government departments. Once interest on loans has been cancelled, the councils will have sufficient funds for carrying out public services in their respective regions. The interest on loans seemed to have constituted a heavy burden on the local councils which failed in their duty towards their citizens. The cabinet decision was wise, and came in time for easing the financial burdens on local councils, thus enabling them to resume their duty. The government's decision to reschedule the loans, which these councils have obtained from the bank, is also bound to boost the capacity of these councils and enable them to re-organise their work in a manner to meet their commitments while at the same time carrying out various projects and municipal services. The government's decision no doubt came as a result of a careful study of the situation, and the difficulties they have been encountering. The government decision can be regarded as a genuine contribution towards promoting the work of local councils in the country.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Sound decision

MUNICIPAL and village councils in Jordan have a serious responsibility towards promoting economic and social sectors in their regions and therefore, the government has taken a number of decisions to enable these councils to shoulder their responsibilities. A total of 549 municipal and village councils are bound to benefit from a government decision of cancelling the payment of interest on loans that may have been obtained from the Cities and Villages Development Bank. This decision is clearly aimed at reducing the financial burdens of these councils, thus helping them to offer better services and carry out essential projects.

## U.S. walking tightrope between Greece, Turkey

By Charles Aldinger  
Reuter

WASHINGTON — With NATO U.S. security at risk in the Mediterranean, the United States is treading warily in the latest dispute between feuding Greece and Turkey, Reagan administration officials say.

"There is no doubt that tensions are high between Ankara and Athens. We are caught in by virtue, or curse, of our foreign aid to both allies and by the control that Congress has over that aid," one official told Reuters.

Said another: "Any military conflict between two Mediterranean allies could be devastating for NATO and the United States, not only because of military bases but because of perceptions of Western solidarity."

"The key for us is impartiality — to let each know that we don't favour the other and that we encourage strong ties with them and between them. We hope they can settle their problems over Cyprus and in other areas."

The latest standoff between Greece and Turkey over Aegean Sea oil rights appeared to ease over the weekend.

But the oil dispute, and the

controversy over Turkish military occupation of part of Cyprus since 1974, remain.

Athens has accused Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other U.S. officials of favouring the occupation and of giving too much military aid to Turkey.

At one point during last week's crisis, Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou threatened to close a U.S. navy communications facility near Athens, one of over a dozen American military facilities in Greece and Turkey.

"Our bases in the region are important. Turkey and Greece are a key part of NATO's southern rim," one senior Defence Department official said. "We do not in any way want to exacerbate the problems between them."

Weinberger paid a four-day visit to Turkey two weeks ago and promised Defence Minister Zeki Yavuzurk and senior officials that the administration would push Congress to approve \$913.5 million in overall aid, including \$788.5 million in military help, requested for Turkey in fiscal 1988.

In the current fiscal year, Turkey is receiving \$593.3 million, all

but \$100 million of that in military aid.

The administration is seeking \$436.3 million in aid for Greece, all of it military, in fiscal 1988. That compares to \$344.3 million, all of it military, in the current year.

Pentagon officials told Reuters

earlier this month that the administration will inform Congress soon that it plans to give 40 surplus F-4E Phantom jets to Turkey and more than 40 slightly less-sophisticated Phantoms to Greece.

Those would be outright gifts

under a law allowing the Pentagon to provide surplus military supplies to Greece, Turkey and Portugal on the Atlantic alliance's southern flank.

Some private U.S. analysts say other Western European nations say need to take a more active role in crisis management involving Greece and Turkey, which guards the narrow passageway through which Soviet warships pass from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean.

"The fact is that the United States has lost leverage in both Greece and Turkey in recent years — in Greece because of political changes and some hostility toward Washington from the Socialists and in Turkey because Congress keeps cutting back administration aid requests," said Simon Serfaty, executive director of the Johns Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute in Washington.

"Perhaps it is for the Europeans to shoulder a greater share in helping those two to settle their problems," he said, noting Greece was now a member of the European Community and that Turkey was planning to push for membership.

## Jesse Jackson, the 2nd time around

By Jonathan Wolman  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the race begins for the 1988 presidential nominations, Jesse Jackson is carefully smoothing some of the rough edges that characterised his surprisingly strong campaign three years ago.

The improvements are meant to correct the disorganisation that dogged Jackson in his unsuccessful bid to win the 1984 nomination.

"This is the second time around," Jackson's spokesman, Frank Watkins, said last week.

This time, "we know what's required. We know deadlines and dates ... We'll be a more organised campaign."

Jackson is paying attention to the sort of details that eluded the 45-year-old black civil rights activist and his advisers in 1984. He's courting party regulars, his speeches are sharper, and his scheduling is less likely to leave an audience waiting two hours for another late arrival.

He is even giving homage to the traditional image of a prospective candidate sitting on a fence, refusing to say officially that he is a candidate.

Asked if Jackson is running, Watkins will say, "he's simply weighing that decision at this time, taking family considerations and financial support into account."

In the meantime, polishing of the Jackson campaign is under way.

This time around, Jackson isn't orchestrating a fake draft, in which a party nominates or drafts a candidate who has not run officially. There have been none of the "Run, Jesse, run" appearances that preceded his first race.

Instead, he is going the professional route, opening an "exploratory committee" last week to raise funds in advance of his official announcement.

Jackson told an Associated Press reporter in Iowa in January that he thought the disarray of 1984 was inevitable.

"We had no money, and we had no one around with campaign experience. We had no one who could coordinate the secret service and the press corps. We had no one who could charter an airplane."

"You can assume we've

learned some things. You can assume growth and maturity, personally and organisationally."

Recently, Jackson — surely one of the best speakers to seek the presidency — has been tailoring many of his speeches to a specific audience. He has focused on a single theme, rather than giving spontaneous versions of the same wide-ranging speech. Many speeches are now delivered from a text standard for most politicians but eschewed until recently by Jackson.

At West Point, he talked military policy. He said the United States needs a strong military directed by an overall foreign policy strategy. In Atlanta, he urged national spending of \$25 billion for education, several billion more than proposed by the administration of President Ronald Reagan.

In the farm State of Iowa, opening a campaign headquarters in rural Greenfield, he developed what has been his strongest theme of winter — the threat of "economic violence."

"Let's not confront each other at Howard Beach (New York) or Forsythe County (Georgia)," he said. "The real fight is the farm foreclosures, the plant closings, the missile sites and the shipyards where foreign goods that put our workers out of jobs enter the country."

He proposed that 10 per cent of the nation's pension funds be invested in a series of housing, development, transportation and farm programmes.

It was Jackson's second big trip into Iowa — the first-in-the-nation caucus state he practically ignored in 1984. This early courtship of Iowa Democrats is interesting in itself — after all, Jackson has no natural constituency in the state, which has only about 45,000 blacks.

The Iowa effort is part of straightforward attempt by Jackson to broaden his base and make the rainbow coalition come true.

Of course, organisational improvements or not, Jackson is running for president with a style all his own.

Last week, for example, Jackson was into an "economic violence" speech when he repeated a 1984 tactic and called unregistered voters out of the crowd to the front of the auditorium to be signed up.

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## Unseeded Italian upsets Cash in Milan tourney

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Unseeded Italian Paolo Cane upset fourth-seeded Pat Cash of Australia 6-3, 7-6 in a first-round match at the \$345,000 FILA Trophy indoor tennis tournament.

The 21-year-old Italian, ranked 42nd in the world, played consistent tennis with fine backhand passing shots to down the favoured Australian, a hero of the Davis Cup championship victory over Sweden last December.

Cash netted several volleys and made a series of unforced errors to become the first of the seeded players to be eliminated from the competition, which is part of the Grand Prix circuit.

Despite his erratic play, Cash had the opportunity to even the match when he led 6-5 in the second set. He missed three consecutive set points, lost the game and then succumbed 4-7 in the tie-break.

A partisan crowd went wild at Milan's Palatruccini Sports Palace as Cane qualified for the second round in which he will play another Australian, unseeded Broderick Dyke.

Cash, who had won the indoor tournament in Nancy, France, last Sunday, said, "it's always difficult to play Italians at home."

He argued several times with the umpire over line calls. But he conceded that he played poorly in the first set.

"If improved in the second, but it was too late," Cash said.

Cane, who won the match in one hour and 43 minutes, said the

## Greek wins world's longest road race

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Yiannis Kourous of Greece won the \$40,000 Westfield Sydney to Melbourne Ultra Marathon road race early Wednesday, crossing the finish line in Melbourne shortly after midnight.

Kourous, 31, completed the 1,060 kilometres (658 miles) course in just over five and a half days, establishing a race record.

It was Kourous' second victory in the world's longest annual road race. He also won the event in 1985.

Kourous finished more than 150 kilometres (93 miles) ahead of second placed Dick Tout of New Zealand. Englishman Patrick Macke was a further 30 kilometres (18 miles) back in third place.

Kourous collected \$13,660 for the win. He had not been beaded since overtaking Tout seven hours after the race started.

## Tracer, Maccabi clash in Euro basketball cup

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) — Israeli basketball champion Maccabi Tel Aviv and Italy's Tracer Milan will be looking to American imports to carry them to victory when they meet in the final of the men's European Champion Clubs' Cup today.

Tracer Milan rely on veteran Bob McAdoo, 37, and Ken Barlow while Maccabi, chasing its third title in 10 years, is led by top scorers Lee Johnson and Kevin Magee.

Maccabi, who won the trophy in 1977 and 1981, also boast the home-grown talent of veteran Israeli national captain Mickey Berkowitz, sharpshooter Doron Jamache and centre Motti Aroesti.

Tracer Milan, who won its only Champion Clubs' Cup in 1966, is coached by American Dan Petersen, renowned for his defensive strategies.

McAdoo and Barlow, backed by Dino Meneghin and Mike D'Antoni, an American-born naturalised Italian, led Tracer to its second successive Italian Cup win last week.

## U.S. judge rules against Hagler in title dispute

BOSTON (R) — A U.S. federal judge cleared the way for the World Boxing Association (WBA) to fill Marvelous Marvin Hagler's middleweight title by refusing to grant him an injunction to prevent the organisation from stripping his title.

The WBA voted to strip Hagler of his title last month because he opted for a multi-million dollar bout with fellow American Sugar Ray Leonard, rather than make a mandatory defence against its top contender, Herol Graham of Britain, within nine months of his last fight.

Hagler, who will receive at least \$12 million for the Leonard fight, had asked for an extension of the WBA title defence rules and filed for the injunction, but U.S. District Judge Robert Keeton turned down the request, saying that there were insufficient grounds for an injunction.

Keeton ruled Tuesday that WBA regulations did not provide enough standards by which he could judge whether Hagler had a right to an exception to the nine-month limit.

"This was a disappointment but not the end of the case by any means," Hagler's attorney Morris Goldings told Reuters. He said he would decide at a later date whether to appeal the case to a

## Portland edges Detroit

PORLAND, Oregon (AP) — A foul called against Isiah Thomas enabled Portland's Terry Porter to hit two free throws with two seconds left, giving the Trail Blazers a 113-111 victory over the Pistons on the National Basketball Association.

Vinnie Johnson scored 23 points and Adrian Dantley added 19 for the Pistons, who was playing its seventh road game in 11 days.

In Los Angeles, Magic Johnson had 21 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds for Los Angeles against Houston, which still clinched a Western Conference playoff berth because of the loss by Phoenix.

In other NBA games, it was New York 128, Boston 120; Philadelphia 116, Cleveland 103; Chicago 101, Washington 75; Dallas 118, Los Angeles Clippers 102; Denver 111, San Antonio 106; Utah 110, Phoenix 95; Los

higher court.

"The (Leonard) fight next Monday is still on and the fight in this courtroom is too. The case is still pending and not dismissed," said Goldings. Hagler, who is in Las Vegas training for the April 6 bout which has been sanctioned by the World Boxing Council, did not appear at the hearing.

"It pains us greatly not to have Marvelous Marvin Hagler as our champion," said WBA attorney Jimmy Binns. "But it's a question of economics on his part and he exceeded our time limits."

Binns indicated that the WBA would now proceed to fill the vacant middleweight title with a bout between Graham, its top contender, and American Iran Barkley.

Goldings said by the time that fight has been scheduled "the Leonard fight will be over" and Hagler will have decided if he wants to go forward with the case.

Goldings said that forcing Hagler to make a mandatory defence was not in the best interest of boxing.

"When you are a champion extraordinarily ahead of the division, to require him to fight every nine months could be bad for boxing. It would mean one-sided and poorly matched fights."

Portland fans ran on to the pitch and held up play for five minutes after the third goal scored by Dirk Kurtenbach.

Frank Elser and Kazimierz Kniecik had already put Kicker 2-0 ahead.

They will meet Hamburg in the final in West Berlin on June 20.

## Hamburg, Stuttgart advance to final of W. German Cup

HAMBURG, West Germany (R) — Hamburg reached the final of the West German Soccer Cup by beating Borussia Moenchengladbach 1-0 with a goal in the dying minutes of the match.

Striker Manfred Kasch scored the golden goal in 86th minute, heading the ball past a post and then bundling the rebound across the Borussia goal line.

Earlier chances for both sides were confined to near misses and the opposing goalkeepers were seldom forced into action.

Play swung from end to end with both teams showing some fine approach work, but most of the attacks broke down against the well-organised defences.

Borussia will have to rely for consolidation on its UEFA Cup semifinal against Scotland's Dundee United.

Second Division Stuttgarter Kicker clinched a place in the West German Soccer Cup final when it beat First Division strugglers Fortuna Dusseldorf 3-0 in a semifinal interrupted by a pitch invasion Wednesday.

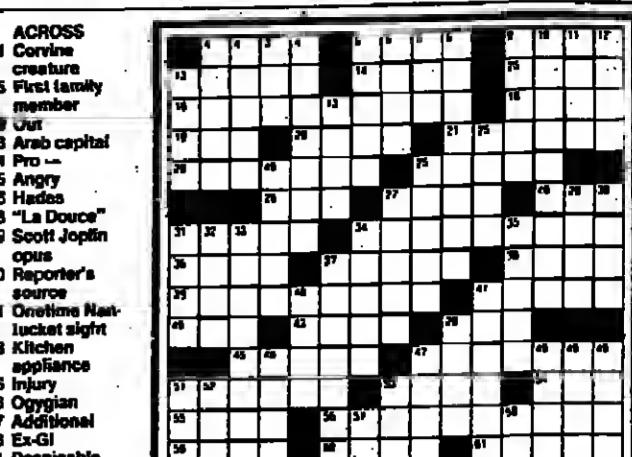
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## THE Daily Crossword

By James E. Hinsh, Jr.



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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POORLY	FOURGET	SODA
MOAT	TRIFLE	BLISTER
BEAD	AMAZING	THREE
SHRIMP	DEADLY	TRUTH
BEADS	DISMAY	TRUST
SYNTHETIC	ELATION	TRUTH
DEADLY	ELUSIVE	TRUTH
TRUTH	ELUSIVE	TRUTH

## Mandlikova fights off challenge in indoor tourney

PISCATAWAY, New Jersey (R) — Top seed Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia needed three sets to defeat Australian Elizabeth Smylie 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 in first round match at the \$150,000 U.S. Women's Indoor Championship.

American Gigi Fernandez upset seventh-seeded compatriot Melissa Gurney 6-3, 6-0 in a second round match as the 17-year-old Gurney was unable to find a rhythm to combat her opponent's serve-and-volley game.

Second seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, fourth-seed-led American Lori McNeil and sixth seed Wendy Turnbull of Australia all advanced to the quarterfinals after posting second round victories.

Smylie, ranked 27 in the world, jumped to a 4-2 lead in the first set, breaking Mandlikova in the third game. She broke Mandlikova again in the seventh and ninth games on forehand return winners to take the first set.

Mandlikova, the Australian Open champion, broke Smylie's serve twice to take a 4-0 lead and only dropped two games in the second set.

But the top seed became frustrated with the line calls in the third set repeatedly telling the umpire, "you've got to be kidding."

The arguing between the umpire and Mandlikova unnerved Smylie into double faulting on break point in the seventh game, giving Mandlikova the only break of the final set.

Smylie felt the arguing broke her rhythm in the third set.

"When you play good players, opportunities only come so often. If the umpire is not in control of the match, she's going to get walked all over. I'm not saying that's why I lost, but that's what happened," Smylie said.

"I think she has a problem, it was pitiful because all the line calls were against me," Mandlikova said.

## Syracuse students rampage after basketball loss

SYRACUSE, New York (AP) — Thousands of Syracuse University students went on a rampage Monday night after their team's heartbreaking one-point loss to Indiana in the battle for the National Basketball Championship.

But life returned to normal on the campus early Tuesday morning, officials said.

Indiana University beat Syracuse 74-73 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament final in New Orleans, Louisiana, Monday night.

## Lendl, McEnroe fined for dropping out of tourney

CHICAGO (AP) — Ivan Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, and seventh-ranked John McEnroe have been fined \$5,000 each for dropping out of the Volvo Tennis-Chicago Tournament, an official said.

Two other players were fined \$2,400 each and a fifth is being required to pay \$1,600, under rules set by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council.

All of the fines can be appealed.

A council rule states that players may not drop out of a tourna-

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11.15-11.45	Japanese karate show
12.00-12.30	The first children's fancy dress show
12.30-1.15	Music and songs by the Nazareth School
1.15-2.00	National dancing by the Haya Centre
2.15-2.45	The International Folklore Dress Show
3.00-3.45	The Royal Jordanian Folklore Troupe
4.00-4.30	The second children's fancy dress show
4.30-5.00	The Royal Jordanian Folklore Troupe
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## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

One sterling	1.6025/35	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3070/75	Canadian dollar
	1.8190/8200	West German marks
	2.0535/45	Dutch guilders
	1.5200/10	Swiss francs
	37.65/68	Belgian francs
	6.0475/0525	French francs
1295/1297	Italian lire	
146.80/90	Japanese yen	
6.3450/3500	Swedish crowns	
6.8475/8525	Norwegian crowns	
6.8550/8600	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	418.40/90	U.S. dollars

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities prices were pulled off the lows achieved towards the end of the morning session by a bout of cheap buying interest and a batch of encouraging results from the insurance sector, but the market remains unsettled over the possibility of a sharply lower opening on Wall Street.

At 1418 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 24.3 down at 1,973.3 after touching a low of 1,966.1 earlier.

Dealers said trading volumes remained relatively low and most of the activity appeared to be inter-professional, repeating the trend of recent sessions.

Nervousness over sharp declines on Wall Street stemmed from news of a  $\frac{1}{4}$  point rise in prime rates by two major U.S. banks after the U.S. close on Tuesday, eclipsing an early modest attempt to move ahead after New York's 26 point rise on the Dow Jones industrial index.

Wall Street stock prices confirmed the market's fears, losing around 25 points in the first half hour of trading, as a third U.S. bank raised its prime rate, but it failed to produce a violent downturn on the London market although prices dipped immediately prior to the U.S. opening. At 1506 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 34 points off at 1,963.6 and steady.

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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## FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Complete practical and monetary obligations that face you and then you can find ways to handle appointments of a more mental and logical nature.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) It's a fine day for deviating a plan that can better your monetary affairs. Handle credit matters wisely.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can gain a personal wish easily. Seek out an expert who can give you advice about financial affairs.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have to handle some personal matter that requires your full attention. Think about your mate now.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Be highly romantic with your mate today. Begin by stating your aims clearly.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Be sure to handle public affairs you have promised to execute. Have a discussion with a bigwig today.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study into a new interest that can give you added income. Listen to the views of one who has different roots than yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make sure you know what those in business expect of you. Do something thoughtful for your mate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to cooperate with someone who is as positive in his views as you are. Handle your duties wisely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to increase your efficiency where routine duties are concerned. Logical persons can help you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make appointments to see persons you like a great deal. Show your devotion for your mate tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Focus your thoughts on an important family affair. Be more skillful at home. An evening out holds much promise.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make a plan of action to utilize your hours more wisely. Invite persons into your home after a busy day.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will require a fine education that will train your progeny for a career in business. Early in life your child will be a homebody, but upon reaching adulthood will suddenly change and become most active and possibly could become an important figure.

## FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today brings the opportunity to get those of influence to go along with the ideas you must want to put across. Watch for tension, delays and setbacks in your pursuits.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Communicating with those you want to do business with in the future is wise, but later others can deter your progress.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Confer with an adviser about financial matters. You have good judgment to day, so use it wisely.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A clever friend can pave the way to gaining some cherished wish. A co-worker could be disturbing to you.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Study whatever arrangements can be made with an influential person. Focus on home affairs later.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A good friend should accompany you to some new site where you can make progress. Be careful in motion today.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Try a new tact where some important relationship is concerned and get better results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Change your attitude toward an associate who has fine ideas. Confer with several experts in your field.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are able to gain more income from regular sources. Buy a nice gift for your mate and delight this person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Seek a recreational outlet that an associate can also enjoy and improve the relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study the duties ahead of you and gain assistance from your family. Don't ask bigwigs for favors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Discuss a recreation with a good friend and make arrangements to get together and enjoy it.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Focus your attention on family affairs, even while out in the business world. Steer clear of a bigwig.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, is apt to have a very happy childhood and will have a fine mentality. Be sure to give this one many subjects at school and teach him; or her, not to be too restless. One who can become a philanthropist during the senior years, whether male or female.

## Bahrain commercial banks introduce five-day week

BAHRAIN (R) — Bahrain Wednesday became the first Gulf Arab country to introduce an obligatory five-day working week for its commercial banks.

The new rule, effective April 1, spells an end to what had traditionally been a six-day working week for around 20 commercial banks in Bahrain.

The Bahrain Monetary Agency said the regulation, applied only to the domestic sector, was not obligatory for the island's extensive offshore banking network.

Bankers said domestic banks in the other Gulf Arab states, including the major financial centres of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, were still working a six-day week. The agency's banking services

director, Sheikh Salman Ibn Khalifa, told Reuters commercial banks would now open five mornings and afternoons a week from Sunday to Thursday instead of the customary six mornings which has included Saturday.

Banks would therefore remain closed on Saturdays in addition to the Friday Islamic weekend.

"The idea came from the banks themselves. It will provide more opportunity for customers to use their facilities and a two-day weekend for their staff," he said.

Twenty-one of about 70 offshore banking units in Bahrain had requested and received permission to operate a five-day week, he added.

and a return to hyper-inflation.

Because of the controls, inflation dropped to 20 per cent in 1986 from more than 400 per cent in 1985.

U.S. bill would let retirement plans buy Israeli bonds

Meanwhile, an Ohio state senate panel was asked Tuesday to allow Ohio's five public employee retirement systems to use part of their multi-billion-dollar investment portfolio to buy bonds sold by Israel.

Senators Finance Committee Chairman Stanley Aronoff introduced a bill at the request of the New York-based DCI, which markets obligations of the United States on behalf of the Israeli government.

As introduced, the measure would permit the public employee retirement systems to invest in general obligations of foreign governments that have not defaulted on similar securities for at least 25 years.

Existing state law permits the systems to invest in certain obligations of the Canadian government, and in those issued or guaranteed by the Asian Development Bank and similar banks of which the U.S. is a member.

In January, Israel devalued its currency, the shekel, by 9.75 per cent against the U.S. dollar and the government agreed to lower taxes of high wage-earners in an effort to stimulate exports and productivity.

The government, trade unions and industrialists also agreed at the same time to extend 18-month-old price controls until March 1988 to avert labour unrest.

The drive was prompted by two findings:

— A General Accounting Office estimate that up to 61 per cent of the 1.8 million Americans living abroad, not including those in the military, do not even file U.S. tax returns, costing the government as much as \$2.3 billion a year. Many people living in the United States fail to report income from foreign investments.

— An IRS survey of 12,000 foreign-owned companies found they were paying an average tax of about one per cent on their

U.S. operations — far less than a typical middle-income family pays. A substantial number of those companies are paying no U.S. tax at all.

"We owe it to the vast majority of honest taxpayers, in or out of the country, to ensure that everyone is paying their fair share of tax," Mr. Percy Woodard Jr., assistant IRS commissioner for international operations, told reporters.

Mr. Woodard acknowledged that tax laws are especially complex as they apply to Americans living abroad or earning income from a foreign investment. As one part of the new compliance effort, the IRS is sending agents on a tour of 85 cities in 50 countries to help Americans with their tax questions. The agency has full-time offices in 14 foreign cities.

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## Dollar panic on Egyptian black market subsides

CAIRO (R) — Panic buying of U.S. dollars on the Egyptian black market subsided and the cost of dollars reverted to near normal, dealers said.

Trading in dollars on the free market, which is technically illegal but tolerated by the government as a major source of hard currency for importers, almost stopped over the weekend as things were getting out of hand, one dealer said.

The price of dollars shot up last month from around 1.90 to 2.30 Egyptian pounds amid reports of heavy buying by state-owned banks.

One market source said the central bank held an emergency meeting on Friday and decided to take measures "to stop the madness that hit the market all last week."

The bank warned commercial banks that it would withdraw their operating licences if they broke a ban on speculation, state-owned newspapers said.

The dollar traded Tuesday at 2.03 pounds on the free market. The official rate, set daily by the central bank, fluctuates around 1.30 pounds.

## Ireland adopts austerity plan

DUBLIN (R) — Ireland's new minority government, eager to put the country's debt-laden economy on the road to recovery, has introduced an austerity budget that cut public spending across the board.

Faced with a national debt that doubled in the past four years, Finance Minister Ray MacSharry warned his 3.5 million compatriots: "Conditions are extremely difficult and there is no room for soft options."

Tuesday's budget was presented to parliament just three weeks after Fianna Fail leader, Mr. Charles Haughey, scrapped back into power after failing to win an overall majority in last month's general election.

The election was called after four Labour ministers walked out of their coalition government with the Fine Gael Party in protest at proposed budget cuts.

Mr. MacSharry offered even tougher economic measures in his budget, with public spending cuts of over 300 million pounds (\$420 million).

He imposed a wage freeze on Ireland's 187,000 civil servants, insisting that any new public service jobs had to be cleared by him personally. Mortgage tax relief was cut, health and education costs trimmed and housing grant schemes axed.

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This has given added urgency to bank moves to build up their capital market operations as Turkey's market-oriented Prime Minister Turgut Ozal liberalizes the financial system.

Bankers said the 1986 recovery in earnings stemmed partly from foreign exchange operations and trade financing. But a growing volume of trading in government securities was now also a major

## UNCTAD calls for new international debt strategy

GENEVA (OPECNA) — The U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has called for a new international debt strategy to enable Third World countries revive the pace of their development and service their debts.

A report prepared for UNCTAD's seventh general session, scheduled for here in July, also calls for an internationally-agreed operational set of guidelines to deal with debt problems, according to the Inter Press Service (IPS) news agency.

The package, suggests the report, should cover the respective roles of creditors and debtors in resolving debt difficulties. The economic growth priorities of indebted countries must not be lost sight of.

Apart from calls for "improvements" in the international debt strategy, the report, however, makes no specific proposals but Mr. Kenneth Dadzie, UNCTAD secretary general, is expected to outline a number of recommendations in his separate report to the conference.

The report says that for the debtor countries growth and development prospects in the immediate and long-term future will be influenced largely by the degree of success achieved in dealing with the debt problem and the measures used.

For creditor countries, the recovery of export markets, the health of individual domestic financial institutions, and perhaps

of the banking system itself, will all depend on the ability to arrive at viable solutions to the debt problem.

According to the report, the international debt strategy evolved in the 1980s drew a sharp distinction between bilateral official development assistance (ODA) debt and other forms.

In the former case, the report notes, a number of donor countries have given outright debt relief to the poorer countries, and in a substantial number of cases past loans have been converted into grants.

The report, however, points out that for other forms of debt, the dominant view has been that while obligations on amortisation and interest can be postponed the debt "must eventually be paid in full."

It also notes that there has been rescheduling of the principal and capitalisation of interest in the context of the "Paris Club" renegotiations on officials and officially-guaranteed debt for commercial bank debt, while new loans have been extended to enable debtors make to prompt interest payments.

According to the report, the

creditors' approach has been based on the view that after a period of adjustment, debtors will not only be able to return to normal servicing of outstanding debt but also meet payments currently being postponed.

It says that the existing debt strategy has focused primarily on domestic policy shortcomings, including poor investment decisions, large budget deficits and galloping inflation rates, the report points out that in attempt to make up for these has been a succession of serious management failures in so many countries.

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# Garrisons on alert after major Salvadorean guerrilla attack

**SAN SALVADOR (R)** — Garrisons throughout El Salvador were on alert Wednesday after guerrillas killed 43 soldiers, including a U.S. adviser, in one of the boldest attacks of this seven-year civil war.

The army was investigating how several hundred Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) fighters managed to mass without being detected for the assault on El Paraíso military base in northern Chalatenango province early Tuesday morning, an army spokesman said.

During almost four hours of fighting they destroyed or damaged the command post, officers mess, barracks, the canteen and offices with rockets and mortar bombs.

Armed Forces Chief General Adolfo Blandón, who flew to the base by helicopter, told reporters 43 soldiers were killed and 35 wounded.

The U.S. embassy identified

troops headed north to reinforce the base and scour the countryside, he said.

Other garrisons throughout the country were on alert and security was stepped up in the capital, he said.

"They are making sure it doesn't happen to them," he said.

Torres said as many as 500 guerrillas could have taken part in the attack, the most significant action since the rebels raided the country's second largest base in western San Miguel last June.

The army, which is helped by intelligence from U.S. flights from Honduras, was trying to find out why it knew nothing about the attack until the guerrillas were upon the garrison.

Diplomats in the capital doubted the guerrillas intended to take over the base because the military would then simply bomb them out with planes or artillery.

Several battalions of fresh

The FMLN's Radio Venceremos, which claimed the army had suffered 600 casualties, said the attack marked the start of a new offensive.

More than 62,000 people, many of them civilians, have been killed in the civil war.

The guerrillas do not usually attack in large groups because of the military's airpower, but they have shown they are capable of massing in battalion size for major actions.

The FMLN has been looking stronger and more confident this year and many diplomats and analysts had expected that an attack like Tuesday's was imminent.

Although U.S. attention is focused on the war in Nicaragua, the El Paraíso attack indicated the FMLN was still the most potent guerrilla force in Latin America, they said.

## 1 killed, 2 injured in Belgian court gun battle

**BRUSSELS (R)** — A man described by police as a dangerous criminal was shot dead and a lawyer seriously wounded in a courtroom gun battle in the Belgian city of Liege Wednesday, a Justice Ministry spokesman said.

Shooting erupted when three men on trial over a string of armed holdups were refused permission to leave the courtroom to go to the toilet, reporters at the scene said.

A woman suddenly brandished a grenade and one of the defendants, Jose Cottako, seized a policeman before being fatally wounded.

The Belgian News Agency Belga said the woman had smuggled a pistol into the courtroom.

The spokesman said a lawyer was gravely wounded in the head and was undergoing surgery in hospital. A woman was also injured but less seriously.

He said earlier two people, including a court official, had been killed.

As bullets flew across the courtroom, officials and members of the public threw themselves to the ground, reporters at the scene said.

Around 20 people were in the court for the case, which arose from a hostage taking and a series of armed holdups.

The three men in court were described by police as hardened and dangerous criminals.

A fourth defendant is still on the run after escaping from prison and was being tried in his absence.

The man, known as "little Robert," has been killed in the press as Belgium's most wanted man after a series of daring jail-breaks.

## Filipino kidnappers free Japanese businessman

**MANILA (R)** — A kidnapped Japanese businessman freed late Tuesday night after over four months in captivity Wednesday cracked jokes with President Corazon Aquino as the Tokyo government moved to ease strained relations with Manila.

Japan marked the release of Nobuyuki Wakaoji by lifting a warning against tourism in the Philippines and saying it now hoped for improved relations with Manila.

Wakaoji, who took a bus to freedom after being dumped on a suburban street, was kept bound hand and foot for much of his 136 days of imprisonment, officials said.

The 53-year-old Wakaoji was cheerful and joked with Mrs. Aquino when the two met for 20 minutes late Wednesday, presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno said. Wakaoji was taken by helicopter to the meeting at the presidential palace after health checks at an undisclosed hospital.

Wakaoji told Mrs. Aquino: "My main problem was how to kill time," Mr. Benigno said.

The normally grey-haired businessman said the kidnappers had dyed his hair black before releasing him near a church on the outskirts of Manila Tuesday night, apparently to make him look younger.

He told Mrs. Aquino he was held in a warehouse in a mountainous area and lived on a diet of fish, rice and pork, hearing only the constant sound of taped music and the occasional barking dog.

"I ate everything, I was afraid to starve," Mr. Benigno quoted him as saying.

Wakaoji told Mrs. Aquino that tape-recordings, in which he said he was ill and appealed for help in a weak and shaking voice, had been faked on the orders of his kidnappers, Mr. Benigno said.

The businessman said he had been knocked unconscious by his captors after being forced from his car during his abduction.

Mr. Benigno said Wakaoji would return to Japan Thursday.

He added that Mrs. Aquino had told Wakaoji: "It was a terrible experience (but) later on you will look at it as beneficial. You should be the next president of Mitsu."

The kidnap of Wakaoji, head of the Philippine operations of the giant Mitsu Trading Company, had strained relations between Manila and Tokyo, hurting tourism and holding up promised Japanese investment in the Philippines economy.

Japan issued a warning in January to tourists, saying it might not be safe for them to visit the Philippines, but Foreign Minister Tadashi Kuranari lifted the notice Wednesday.

## COLUMNS 7 & 8

### British newspapers spoof readers

**LONDON (AP)** — An 18th-century snapshot found in the remote outer Fokus Mountains of Japan. A Greek peasant's discovery of Venus De Milo's arms. Margaret Thatcher and Mikhail Gorbachev kissing on a park bench in Moscow. It was April 1 — a traditional day for practical jokes and hoaxes — and British newspapers on Wednesday unloaded a barrage of deadpan exclusives that rightly defied belief. In a front-page report, the Guardian announced the discovery of the world's oldest photograph — believed to have been taken by Japanese rebel scientist Yotomoto Hishida in 1782, half a century before photographic experiments began in Europe. A camera company advertisement inside the newspaper showed the misty black-and-white print, apparently of a Japanese man wearing ceremonial robes and said to have been hidden for almost two centuries in the remote Outer Fokus Mountains. The rival Independent revealed an even older artistic find with news that a Greek peasant on the island of Melos has discovered the missing arms of the world's most famous statue — the Venus De Milo. The Daily Mirror, in an exclusive photo-report, put a new slant on East-West relations with a montage that appeared to show Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev kissing on a park bench. Other Mirror photos of Mrs. Thatcher's current Soviet visit appear to show Mrs. Thatcher tickling Mr. Gorbachev under the chin and the two walking with his arm around her.

### Drug addicts surrender after holdup

**SALAMANCA, Spain (R)** — Two drug addicts who held hostages in a failed bank robbery in this central Spanish city surrendered after police refused to give them heroin, police sources said. The two robbers, who told police they were addicts, earlier threatened to kill their three hostages unless they were given 10 grammes of heroin. An accomplice, captured outside the branch of the Banco Espanol de Credito, told police the robbers had been without heroin for 13 hours.

### Belgian prince caught speeding

**BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)** — Officials would not comment Wednesday on whether Prince Laurent, who is third in line to the Belgian throne, will be prosecuted for driving 220 kmph (137 mph) on a highway last week. Various newspaper reports said police spotted a BMW 325i racing toward Brussels on Friday night on the six-lane E-40 highway between the Belgian coast and the capital. They gave chase about 13 kilometres outside of Brussels but failed to catch up with the car that slalommed in and out of slower traffic, until it stopped outside the royal palace. When police asked for the driver's papers, they learned it was Prince Laurent, the 23-year-old nephew of King Baudouin, newspapers reported. Prince Laurent is third in line to the Belgian throne after his older brother, Prince Philippe, and his father, Prince Albert, the brother of King Baudouin. The king has no children.

### British police car ambushed

**WOLVERHAMPTON, England (R)** — A police car was firebombed in the central England town of Wolverhampton in an ambush laid with hoax emergency calls, police said. Police officers summoned by a call were checking an empty flat when petrol bombs were buried at its unoccupied car. There were no injuries. The incident followed the death of a young black man in Wolverhampton last month as police were trying to arrest him. The death spawned a weekend of street violence in the town and police said tension remained high.

## WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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